Necropsy Services Information

**Hours available:** Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (except holidays)

Submissions received after 3:00 PM may be processed the next business day.

**We are not able to accept after hours submissions, at this time.**

**For urgent after-hours herd health emergencies (multiple animals involved),** please call 541-737-3261 to request a call back from a Veterinary Pathologist.

For other non-urgent inquiries, please call 541-737-3261 and leave a message. We will respond to your message the following business day.

The submission should be accompanied by a succinct complete history of clinical presentation, treatment, and results from relevant testing. An incomplete history may lead to misinterpretation of findings on postmortem examination.

Routine testing is normally completed within 2-3 weeks following receipt of the animal. This timeframe may vary depending on testing requested by the pathologist assigned to the case. Testing such as bacterial culture or virus isolation may lengthen the time required to obtain results.

Please see [Rabies Testing Information](#) on our website for more information about rabies testing.

**Necropsy fees:** Necropsy fees are listed in the [Test Catalog](#) within the [Client Portal](#) on our website. Fees vary depending on the species and weight of the animal. Search for Necropsy and choose the correct necropsy service, according to the size and species of animal. In addition to routine necropsies, abortion screen services are also available. If additional ancillary testing is performed, this will add to the cost of the necropsy.

**Care of remains following necropsy:**

**For safety reasons, animal remains cannot be released to owners following a necropsy service.** Available services include private cremation or routine/communal disposition. Communal disposition is included in the price of the necropsy. The OVDL does not perform cremation services.

**Note:**
If paw prints, nose prints, collection of hair, fur or feathers is desired, this must be completed prior to drop-off for necropsy. Collars will not be returned; please remove prior to drop-off. The OVDL is not able to provide these services due to biosafety concerns.

If private cremation is desired, the submitter must make arrangements with a professional cremation company. **Please provide the name of the cremation company to the OVDL by the next business day following submission of the animal.** If no choice is provided, the remains will be sent for communal disposition.
The OVDL does not endorse specific cremation companies; however, the companies listed below routinely pick up from the OVDL.

Dignified Pet Services
Salem: (503) 404-4353
Milwaukie: (503) 783-6115
https://dignifiedpetservices.com/

Heavenly Wings Pet Cremation
Salem: (503) 507-2338
http://www.heavenlywingspetcremation.com/

Peaceful Heart Aquamation
Philomath: (541) 929-8145
https://peacefulheartaquamation.com/

West Coast Pet Memorial
Eugene (formerly Rest Assured): (541) 746-0244
Clackamas: (503) 722-4521
https://www.westcoastpetmemorial.com/

Rivers Edge Pet Medical Center
Albany: (541) 924-1700
https://riversedgepmc.com